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The Honorable Dan Schaefer  
U. S. House of Representatives  
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07 APR 1989

Dear Mr. Schaefer:

STAT The Director has asked me to respond to your letter of March 7, 1989 that forwarded the correspondence of your constituent, [redacted] asked for your assistance regarding admission to the Undergraduate Scholarship Program of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA).

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STAT The Undergraduate Scholarship Program of the Central Intelligence Agency, established pursuant to Sections 505 and 506 of the Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1987 (Public Law 99-569), has been extremely successful in drawing highly qualified candidates to the CIA. Since its inception in 1987, the CIA has received over [redacted] applications for this program. Of this number, [redacted] have been selected and we expect to add an additional [redacted] again during FY-89. As these figures indicate, the competition for these scholarships is extremely keen.

STAT We can understand [redacted] disappointment that, because of his birthday, he cannot apply since applicants must be 18 years old for polygraph testing. Each year several highly qualified students are unable to apply because of the 18-year old CIA age limitation for polygraph testing. However, once a student applies and is ineligible because of this age limitation, they can, and several have, reapply and be considered for the following year. [redacted] can reapply during his freshman year and will be given every consideration according to the selection criteria.

STAT

I thank you for bringing this matter to our attention and believe you understand that we give all applicants full consideration according to our criteria and budget limitations.

Sincerely,

SIGNED [redacted] DDA/REGISTRY  
[redacted] 1122-89

Acting Director of Congressional Affairs

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**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, D.C.**  
March 7, 1989



The Honorable William H. Webster  
Director of Central Intelligence  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Mr. Webster:

STAT Enclosed please find a copy of the correspondence I have  
received from my constituent, [redacted]  
STAT regarding the dilemma he is currently facing as he attempts to  
gain admission to your Undergraduate Scholar Program.

Frankly, I am at a loss to explain to [redacted] why an  
accommodation cannot be reached in this regard. In order  
to be of assistance in this situation, I would appreciate your  
looking into this matter, determining whether a waiver of the  
polygraph test age requirement can be effected.

STAT If waivers cannot be allowed in such situations, I would  
appreciate an explanation of why they are not permitted. It  
would seem that a large number of high school students would  
find themselves in the same situation as [redacted], and that  
the CIA is depriving itself of a number of highly qualified,  
ambitious recruits with its age limitation for polygraph  
tests.

I'm sure you would agree that the best interests of our  
nation would be better served by allowing all interested youth  
the opportunity of involvement in the Undergraduate Scholar  
Program, rather than automatically dismissing candidates due  
to the fact that their birthdays occur too late in the year to  
allow for consideration. Please reply to my Englewood  
district office, informing me of your findings in this regard.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

DAN SCHAEFER  
Member of Congress

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